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INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY PUBLIC OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this staff report is to update the Commission and the public about efforts to update the Commission's Environmental Justice Policy, and to elicit feedback from the environmental justice community and others about the policy revision and its implementation. This staff report expands on the August 17, 2017 update (Calendar Item 86, August 17, 2017).

Staff created a dedicated website page on the Commission's website with information about the Commission's environmental justice policy update process and the initial draft revision. The page, which staff will update throughout the revision process, may be accessed at the following link: http://www.slc.ca.gov/Info/EnviroJustice.html. Staff also established a dedicated email account for public comment at the following address: environmentaljustice@slc.ca.gov.

A key objective of this staff report is to ensure that environmental justice communities and advocates can communicate their perspectives directly to the Commission. This is a critical step to developing the Commission's revised environmental justice policy and implementation plan.

Staff is continuing to identify individuals and organizations with environmental justice interests or perspectives that are relevant to the Commission's work. Staff received training from CalRecycle and CalEPA to help staff better plan, communicate, and outreach to environmental justice communities. Staff is collaborating with community leaders and environmental justice advocates in Fresno on an outreach session scheduled for November 14 in Fresno. Staff is continuing to partner with the California Coastal Commission and to work with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery. Staff is also continuously updating its outreach list to communicate with the public and environmental justice communities.

Staff will continue to keep the Commission updated about its progress.